

What is Grandparent Kinship Care?

Kinship care is the provision of full-time nurturing and protection of children by adults other than parents who have a family relationship bond with the children. Most of the time, this nurturing and protection is provided by grandparents when original families are torn apart by substance abuse, incarceration, death, mental and physical illness, AIDS, and child abuse and neglect.



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Support in Arizona?

If you are a grandparent responsible for raising your grandchild or grandchildren in your home, the following transitional supports may be available to you:

- ✓ One-time transitional assistance not to exceed \$300 per child to help cover the cost of additional beds and furniture and other necessary expenses related to transitioning the child into your home.
- ✓ Clothing and personal allowance of \$75 per month per child (examples: toiletries, food, school supplies).

Are the services based on my income?

Although income is not a disqualifying factor, priority will be given to grandparents with legal guardianship who are caring for their grandchild or grandchildren and have the greatest social and economic need and/or those residing in rural or geographically isolated areas.



How can I receive services?

Grandparent Kinship Care Support is available in Arizona through your local Area Agency on Aging. There are also many other social services agencies, including children's services agencies that can refer you and help you gain access to these services. Please see the resource information on the back of this brochure.

What if my grandchildren live with me, but I am not their legal guardian?

If you do not currently have legal guardianship, help is available for you by contacting your local Area Agency on Aging or one of the other agencies listed on the back panel of this pamphlet.

| Area Agency on Aging | Counties Served | Phone |
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| Area Agency on Aging, Region One, Inc. | Maricopa | 602-264-4357 |
| Pima Council on Aging | Pima | 520-790-7262 |
| Northern Arizona Council of Governments | Apache Coconino Navajo Yavapai | 877-521-3500 |
| Western Arizona Council of Governments | La Paz Mohave Yuma | 800-782-1886 |
| Pinal/Gila Council for Senior Citizens | Pinal Gila | 520-836-2758 |
| SEAGO / Child & Family Resources, Inc. | Cochise Graham Greenlee Santa Cruz | 520-458-7348 |
| Navajo Nation | Navajo Tribal | 928-871-6868 |
| Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona | Statewide | 602-258-4822 |

| Referral Agencies and Grandparent Resources | Phone |
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| KARE Family Center in Tucson | 520-323-4476 |
| KARE Family Center in Phoenix | 602-233-0017 |
| KARE Family Center in Yuma | 928-726-4335 |
| Project GrandCare Beatitudes Center DOAR | 602-274-5022 Ext. 44 |
| KKONA – Kinship Kare of Northern Arizona | 928-774-1868 Ext. 15 |
| Grandparents United | 602-273-0004 |
| Southern Arizona Legal Aid | 520-623-9465 |
| Catholic Social Services of Central & Northern Arizona | 928-774-9125 |



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